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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA

REF: GARBORONE 1656

1. YOU SHOULD PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KHAMA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: AS YOU KNOW, I MET THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER THIS WEEKEND IN ZURICH. OUR MEETING RESULTED FROM THE DIPLOMATIC UNDERTAKING WHICH THE UNITED STATES LAUNCHED DURING MY TRIP TO AFRICA IN APRIL WITH A VIEW TO FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE URGENT PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA AND WHICH HAS BEEN UNDERWAY SINCE. IN THE ENSUING MONTHS WE HAVE CONTINUED OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND IN RICA.

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3. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE ON WHERE OUR

INITIATIVE STANDS. MY MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
VORSTER WAS POSITIVE, ALTHOUGH MANY DIFFICULTIES LIE
AHEAD. WE REVIEWED WHAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST CONTRIBUTE
TO A SETTLEMENT. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER WORKS IN A

MOST DIFFICULT DOMESTIC POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT -- WHICH
YOU KNOW WELL - I AM ENCOURAGED THAT HE AND HIS GOVERN-
MENT WILL PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE. BASED ON THE DIS-
CUSSIONS I HAD WITH HIM AND THE CONSULTATIONS WE HAVE
HAD TO DATE, I AM CONVINCED THAT A FRAMEWORK EXISTS FOR
A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.
THE FRAMEWORK IS THE SAME AS THE ONE WHICH AMBASSADOR
SCHAUFLE DISCUSSED WITH YOU WHEN YOU MET DURING HIS
FIRST VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT,
WITH OUR ENDORSEMENT, HAS PROVIDED YOUR GOVERNMENT IN
AUGUST WITH ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHICH AMPLIFY THIS FRAME-
WORK.

4. "AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS SO FAR, I HAVE DECIDED
TO COME TO AFRICA AND MAKE ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO MOVE THE
QUESTIONS OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA CLOSER TO SOLUTION.
SINCE I WILL WANT YOU TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF WHAT CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED, I WISH TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU
DURING MY TRIP. MY DIFFICULT SCHEDULE PERMITTING, I HOPE
TO VISIT YOU. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, I WILL SEND A
SPECIAL EMISSARY TO PROVIDE YOU WITH A FULL PICTURE OF
THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. "I HAVE VALUED YOUR ADVICE AND ENCOURAGEMENT THROUGH-
OUT OUR PRESENT UNDERTAKING. AS WE MOVE AHEAD TO THE
NEXT AND PERHAPS DECISIVE PHASE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
LETTING ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON HOW PROGRESS CAN BE MADE
AND HOW THE OBSTACLES WHICH LIE BEFORE US MAY BE OVER-
COME. WITH WARM REGARDS, SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER."
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